

U.S. DOT Dockets
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Re: **Aviation Security Infrastructure Fees**
Docket No. TSA-2002-11334
49 CFR Part 1511

Dear Sir or Madam:

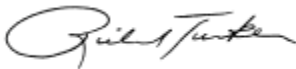
Huntsville International Airport submits the following comments on the final rule 49 CFR Part 1511, Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee, Docket No. TSA-2002-1134. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this policy consideration.

We believe the Transportation Security Administration Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee should not fall solely upon the aviation industry. After all, the events of September 11th clearly demonstrated this is a national security issue not just an aviation security issue. Therefore, users of aviation should not be required to fund national security in its entirety or to the degree that this fee is proposed.

In addition, we have major concerns that the proposed fee would need to be increased substantially in the future, based on current projections by the Transportation Security Administration of the size of their organization (in excess of 60,000 employees) necessary to fulfill their responsibilities. Our industry cannot absorb the initial proposed fees, much less an increase.

We strongly recommend the majority of these costs be funded from the general fund rather than the Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Tucker".

Richard Tucker
Executive Director